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BOSTON 63, MASSACHUSETTS

January 19, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary  
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We are about to publish a book on the old Philadelphia importing firm of Nathan Trotter & Company. The firm was organized by two brothers, Nathan and Joseph Trotter.

Later Joseph Trotter left the firm to become President of the Bank of Pennsylvania. During the years 1840 to about 1850, Trotter's picture appeared on the twenty dollar notes of that bank. In an effort to find a likeness of Joseph Trotter, we are endeavoring to discover one of the bank's notes.

Mr. D. O. Barrett has suggested that we write to you inquiring whether you have one of these notes in your collection.

Sincerely,

*Thomas R. Marvin*

Thomas R. Marvin  
Assistant Professor of  
Business History

TRM:js

January 20, 1953

Mr. Thomas R. Navin  
Assistant Professor of Business History  
Harvard University  
Boston 63, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Navin:

In accordance with your letter of January 15, 1953, I looked through my bank note collection and am pleased to have found three specimens of the Bank of Pennsylvania Bank Notes, a \$5, \$10 and \$20, bearing likenesses of the various directors and officers. Although you only asked for the \$20 note, I have sent you the others so that it might simplify your identification problem if you cannot readily recognize Mr. Trotter. I have checked several bank note reporters of the period and the photographs are not identified.

You are free to use any of these notes as illustrations and after they have served your purpose, please return them to me.

My numismatic collection is always available for any type of information of this sort which is requested.

My brother-in-law, Mr. Julian I. Edison, is in the business school at the present time and I have asked him to deliver these items to you.

Sincerely yours,

EFN/abb

March 3, 1953

Mr. Thomas R. Navin  
Assistant Professor of Business History  
Harvard University  
Boston 63, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Navin:

When I was at the Business School I enjoyed talking to you with respect to your inquiry regarding Trotter.

According to the "Bank Note Reporters and Counterfeit Detectors", published by the American Numismatic Society in 1949, and written by Mr. Dillistin, there are a few Bank Note Reporters in the Harvard College Library and some in the Business School Library. You may not have seen these. There are 1845 and 1846 Bank Note lists by Clark, published in Boston, in the College Library. There are 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849 and 1850 Bicknell lists in the Business School Library. There are also some Thompson's Bank Note lists in the College Library and some in the Business School Library.

I sincerely hope that you find a solution to your problem and hope that the Chase National Bank was able to furnish you with some notes in addition to those which are now on loan from me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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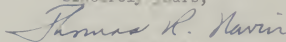
March 9, 1953

Mr. Eric F. Newman, Secretary  
Luison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your very cordial letter and the additional information it contains. Unfortunately, a bout with the flu has kept me from either a) getting down to see the Chase bank people or b) making the trip to Providence to discuss your bank notes with the author of the Trotter book. It now looks as though these errands will have to carry over till spring vacation. Certainly I shall keep you informed, for you have taken a very generous interest in our problems.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas R. Nevins  
Assistant Professor of  
Business History

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SOLDIERS FIELD  
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August 18, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

After checking with Chase National Bank and after further research we concluded that the bank notes which you loaned me last winter are the ones after all, which carry the picture of Joseph Trotter. We therefore should like to reproduce this note in our forthcoming book. Since the Harvard University Press will probably wish to keep the note until the book has appeared, we may be delayed as much as nine months before returning it. Please let me know if this is an inconvenience to you.

We shall of course want to credit you as the source of our illustration. Will you let me know how the credit should appear. I assume that it should read somewhat as follows: Reproduced from the Bank Note Collection of Eric P. Newman, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas R. Navin*  
Thomas R. Navin  
Assistant Professor of  
Business History

TRN:ab

August 21, 1953

Professor Thomas R. Navin  
Graduate School of Business Administration  
Harvard University  
Boston 63, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Navin:

The suggestions made in your letter of August 18, 1953 are perfectly all right with me except that I assume only one note is being illustrated and there would be no reason why the others could not be promptly returned. If you are planning to illustrate more than one you may feel free to keep them all. If, however, you are still not sure which one has the picture of Joseph Trotter, then none need be returned for the present.

You may give me a credit line, or not, as you see fit, in any form you wish.

I am very pleased that the notes I sent you are a benefit to you.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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BOSTON 63, MASSACHUSETTS  
August 28, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am returning to you herewith the two bank notes which we find will not be needed and am retaining the note on which Joseph Trotter's picture appears. The latter will be illustrated and a credit line given you similar to the one suggested in my last letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas R. Navin*  
Thomas R. Navin

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Encs.

April 6, 1954

Professor Thomas R. Navin  
Graduate School of Business Administration  
Harvard University  
Boston 63, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Navin:

I was going through my follow-up file and wonder if you have finished with the photograph of the bank note of mine which you desired to keep temporarily.

If you still need it in order to prepare an illustration you are certainly welcome to keep it for a further period.

Sincerely yours,

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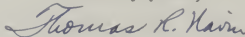
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April 22, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

You are right that we have still not made use of your bank note. The reason being that there has been a delay in the funds which were expected as subsidy for the Trotter book. However, these funds should be forthcoming shortly since the meeting was held yesterday for the purpose of voting. As soon as we can authorize a photograph, we shall return your bank note with our sincere thanks. I am sorry that we have been so slow. My only consolation is your statement that we are welcome to keep the note for a further period.

Sincerely yours,  
  
Thomas R. Navin

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SOLDIERS FIELD  
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June 14, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

At long last we are returning your Bank of Pennsylvania  
bank note. You have been most patient and most kind. The  
Trotter biography should appear toward the end of the year.  
In the hope that you will find it of interest, we shall send  
you a copy.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas R. Navin*

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Assistant Professor of  
Business History

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Enclosure

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SOLDIERS FIELD  
BOSTON 63, MASSACHUSETTS  
May 17, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
315 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

At last the Nathan Trotter biography is between bound covers. It is scheduled to appear early in June. Meanwhile, we are sending you a prepublication copy as an expression of our appreciation for your assistance in providing us with the illustration which appears opposite page 47 and which is referred to in the introductory material, page x.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas R. Navin*

Thomas R. Navin  
Assistant Professor of  
Business History

TEN:ab

May 25, 1955

Prof. Thomas W. Navin  
Graduate School of Business Administration  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Navin:

I appreciate, very much, the check on Nathan Trotter. I am embarrassed to receive even a credit line in view of the fact that I didn't know whose pictures were on the bank notes I sent you. Were you ever able to find out who the other parties were on the bank notes? I assume they are members of the Board of Directors of the bank.

Any time you need any examples of American coins or currency used in America you are welcome to borrow anything in my collection and if I don't have what you need I will endeavor to find it in collections of my friends. Among other things I have approximately 10,000 different pieces of American paper money and I am amazed how often illustrations on the paper money are sought after.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC F. NEWMAN

EFN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 28, 1970

Library  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Gentlemen:

In the Harvard Alumni Bulletin for January 12, 1922, there is an article by Dr. Storer which indicates that in 1859 Mr. W. B. Lamb compiled a catalogue of the collection of about 650 coins and medals which Harvard then owned.

We are doing some research on early American numismatic collections and would appreciate it if you could advise us whether that listing can be located. We are particularly interested in the early American coins and paper money which might have been in the collection then.

Would you be nice enough to let me know whether this is a printed catalogue or a written catalogue and how many pages of it relate to American material.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

December 31, 1976

Gentlemen:

In behalf of the President and Fellows  
of Harvard College, I wish to acknowledge  
and thank you for your gift of five thousand  
dollars to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences  
for the Harry Austryn Wolfson Professorship.

Sincerely yours,

*Schuyler Hollingsworth*

Schuyler Hollingsworth  
Recording Secretary

Harry Edison Foundation